



Hendry County Sheriff's Office

General Order 2.1

TITLE: Agency Jurisdiction	SHERIFF'S APPROVAL: Digital
ORIGINATION DATE: July 11, 2017	REVISION DATE: May 7, 2019
RELATED REFERENCES: §7.26 F.S.	
CFA:	
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I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this order is to establish the geographic jurisdictional boundaries of the sheriff's office and to establish guidelines and procedures relating to concurrent jurisdictional responsibilities.

II. SCOPE: This order shall apply to all sworn/certified sheriff's office members and select civilian members.

III. POLICY: The Sheriff of Hendry County provides various law enforcement services to all residents and visitors within Hendry County's jurisdictional boundaries. The enforcement of Florida Statutes and Hendry County Ordinances are authorized in all of Hendry County unless specifically prohibited by State Statute or Hendry County Ordinances, Which may not be applicable within incorporated municipalities.

The legally authorized geographical area under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida is Hendry County.

While the Sheriff's Office has concurrent jurisdiction with all agencies in Hendry County, the primary policing jurisdiction in the municipalities rests with the municipal authority. The Sheriff's Office will assist other agencies upon request for criminal investigations, providing tactical and investigative technical expertise, as well as other requested services.

Municipalities may contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, or vote to participate in the Municipal Services Taxing District.

The Sheriff's Office possesses concurrent jurisdiction with all the cities of Hendry County. In addition, the Sheriff's Office retains concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

While the Hendry County Sheriff's Office does maintain concurrent jurisdiction on certain federal properties, such as Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, primary responsibility for the security of these facilities and properties shall rest with the United States government and its respective employees, agents or contractors. When requested or in the course of official duties, deputies may take enforcement action on these properties. When doing so, appropriate respect and consideration should be given to restricted access areas. Federal reservations such as the gated and secure areas of

or any other federal property under the control of the United States government are exclusive to the United States government, and the Sheriff's office does not maintain concurrent jurisdiction.

IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. The boundaries of Hendry County are described in [§7.26, Florida Statutes](#). A detailed official map, which includes the boundaries of the jurisdiction of Hendry County, is maintained by the Communications Center.
 - B. The Sheriff's Office Communications Center maintains communications with:
 - 1. All police departments within Hendry County
 - 2. Florida Highway Patrol
 - 3. Hendry County Emergency Medical Service and all Fire Rescue
 - 4. Sheriff's offices of surrounding counties
 - C. The Sheriff's Office maintains and operates two geographically determined districts. The zone boundaries of the two districts are as follows:
 - 1. **East District** – The north boundary is Glades County, the west boundary is Pioneer Plantation, the east boundary is Palm Beach County, and the south boundary is Broward County and Collier County.
 - 2. **West District** – The north boundary is Glades County, the west boundary is Lee County, the east boundary is Pioneer Plantation (East district), and the south boundary is Collier County and Lee County.
 - D. In each of the Sheriff's Office districts, there are geographic and activity based patrol zones that serve as the basis for zone subdivision and crime reporting.
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V. GLOSSARY:

JURISDICTION – The geographical area within which an agency exercises authority and maintains responsibility.

DISTRICT – A geographically defined patrol area responsible for performing traditional patrol and investigative activities.

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